Refunds to telephone subscribers in Calcutta

3352. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cases of refunds of money to telephone subscribers within the administrative jurisdiction of Area Manager (South), Calcutta Telephones are not being disposed of in time;

(b) if so, whether the subscribers concerned have been representing their grievances for long without any result;

(c) whether Government have directed the Calcutta Telephones to settle the outstanding issues of subscribers expeditiously; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and the same will be placed on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Promotion to Non-test Category Group 'D' Employees

3353. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered to provide promotions to Non-test Category Group 'D' empleyees (Sweepers, Farashes, Chowkidars, Waterman etc.) under time-bound One Promotion scheme and Biennial Cadre Review Scheme already introduced for Group C & D (Test category) employees in Department of Posts and Department of Telecom;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Non-Test category Group 'D' employees were not stagnating at maximum and they had more scope of promotion than other Group D and Group C employees in old scheme; and

(e) if so, the detail thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The Scheme of Time Bound Promotions is applicable only to the basic operative cadres peculiar to the P&T Department. All the cadres which are common with the other Departments of the Govt. of India viz. UDCs/LDCs/Peons | Sweepers | Farashes | Chowkidars| Waterman etc. were excluded from the purview of the Scheme in view of its possible repercussions in other Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India where such categories exist.

(d) and (e) Non test category Group 'D' employees (Scale of Rs. 750-940) are getting promotion to the next scale of pay of Rs. 800-1150 to the extent of 20 per cent sanctioned strength as well as in-situation promotion in the next higher scale of Rs. 775-1025 on reaching the maximum of the basic scale. In addition, the non-test category officials are also eligible to come over to Group 'D' posts category) after passing departmental examination and thereafter to Group 'C' posts as Postal Assistants/Sorting Assistants/ against 50 per cent departmental quota.

इलाहाबाद, उत्तर प्रदेश में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन

3354. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश के इलाहाबाद जिले में बिना बारी के आधार पर अवंटित किए गए ऐसे टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों की संख्या कितनी है, जिनके लिए 20 जून, 1991 से 30 नवम्बर, 1991 की अवधि के दौरान आदेश जारी किए गए थे और उनमें से अभी तक कितने कनेक्शन लगाए जा चुके हैं; और